

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended to make more explicit the elements comprising the mounting aid of the present invention. The amendment is fully supported by the specification to the application at page 3, lines 22-26, and it does not include any new matter. Claim 16 is amended to correct either a typographical or grammatical error in one of the words.

Claims 1-20, as presently amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant's invention represents a highly useful advance in the field of orthodontics. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such would be helpful in resolving any issues which might remain.

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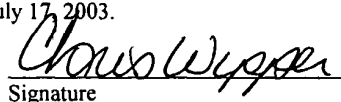
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